

take the Intercolonial through the watering places on the river and gulf, skirting the shore through Riviere du Loup, Cacouna, Rimouski, Little Metis (an exceedingly popular and cheap summer resort), through Campbelltown to Moncton, thence to Pointe du Chene, and by the splendid steamer *Northumberland* to Summerside. This is a delightful trip, affording ample opportunity to see Quebec and including a delightful sail across the Straight of Northumberland.

From the Island one can go to Pictou, and thence to Cape Breton and those wonderful lakes rivaling in beauty the lakes of Switzerland. Steamers pass through the Gut of Canso to Halifax, and from Halifax one may return to the Island or Ontario by the Intercolonial, see the beautiful Wallace Valley, where the waters divide at Folly Lake and run two different ways, or go through the Annapolis Valley, "the Land of Evangeline," to Digby or Yarmouth, and across the Bay of Fundy, where the tide rises higher than anywhere else in the world, to St. John, a city that is always cool and where the people are always hospitable. Last year as well as this season I have seen in one day three or four hundred tourists from Boston and New England landed in St. John, while but few Ontario people think of going there for a holiday. As I took occasion to remark last year, the Intercolonial Railroad is one of the best managed in America, the parlor and sleeping cars are clean and most carefully conducted, and travelers are given as much attention as they can receive anywhere. I know that an idea is prevalent that because it is a Government road it is not as well managed as are private concerns. This is a mistake, and until the people of inland Canada have used it they will never appreciate its attractiveness and the charm of many of the places through which it runs.

The trip is not as expensive as the majority of people imagine, and if there was anything that I could say or do to induce the Ontario tourist to go and see for himself, I would consider myself doing nothing but my duty; if I described the trip and the country in even more glowing terms than I have used. As a people we should try to get acquainted with the folks who live in the Maritime Provinces, for they misunderstand us and we misunderstand them. If during the next few years tourists used the Atlantic coasts of Canada for summering, the strongest and most permanent ties of friendship and the greatest mutual respect would unite Confederation so closely that no political crisis would ever disturb it.

I hope the transportation companies will see fit to introduce low excursion rates and thus induce a large movement to the Maritime Provinces. The three companies I have described each have special attractions. By the C.P.R. you can get there quickest by way of Montreal and the short line through Maine to St. John, and the Intercolonial to Pointe du Chene and the steamer to Summerside. By the Intercolonial you see more of the St. Lawrence, can visit Quebec, and see all the country on the River, some of the Gulf and a great deal of New Brunswick. By the Richelieu and Quebec Steamship Companies' lines you have a long trip by water and plenty of chance to observe the characteristics of the people as the steamers call at the watering places along the River and Gulf. This trip includes a stay at Quebec and a sight of its historical places. Is it not a liberal education in itself to learn something of Canada? Why, then, should parents who have children that they wish to enjoy the sea breezes not use the Canadian lines and go to Canadian places and get acquainted with the Canadian people?—*Don, in Saturday Night*